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all session, please step out: Mike Calvert, Scott Danigole, Jeanne Glenn, Phil Hovis, Elizabeth Hruska, Howard Kensinger, Mike Lovelace, Doug Nichols, Sandy Sostad, Kathy Tenopir, Don Yelick, and Susan Hayes, and Wanda McNally. (Applause) Where are the Revisors of the Statutes? Behind me, all right: Joanne Pepperl, Krista Brandt, Diane Carlson, Jeff Conway, Mary Fischer, Scott Harrison, Marcia McClurg, Neal Nelson, Edith Bottsford, Nancy Cherrington, Kathleen Eppens, Merv Krausnick, Mary Anne Linscott, Joyce Radabaugh, and Marcia Robinette. (Applause) And from the Clerk of the Legislature's Office, we have the seen and the unseen. We want to thank them all: Patrick O'Donnell, Dick Brown, Carol Koranda, Vicki Buck, Diana Bridges, Judy Backhaus, Jamie Kruse, Dallas Mehling, Cindy Wolfe, Pat King, Lori Bristol, and Brad Boesen. (Applause) What I am not going...I'm going to pause just long enough to note that each one of us has in our staffs and on our committees staff without whom we literally could not perform our duties for the people. I'm not going to identify those, but I'm knowing that each of you will be thanking them for their service and for enabling us to serve. I am going to recognize, as a point of personal privilege, my staff, without whom I could not function, and I thank Jim Pieper and Laurie Weber and Jeanette Thiem. Stand up, please. (Applause) A special thank you to my Mr. President, no insult intended, Mr. President, but the Mr. President I rely upon every day and whom I tell everyone without whom I could not do this job, Senator Jim Cudaback. Will you please stand? (Applause) And finally, I want to thank each of you. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve you. I have enjoyed it. You have been wonderfully productive and hardworking. Let me share one fact. We had 109 priority bills, senator priority bills, committee first and second priority bills, and Speaker priority bills; 109. We either voluntarily deferred to the next session, substantively debated and passed, or substantively debated and defeated 103. Only six priority bills by this body of any type were not treated in this session, and that's because of you and your cooperation and your effort. Salute yourself. (Applause) Mr. President, would you raise this call, please?

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: The call is raised. Thank you, Speaker Brashear. Mr. Clerk, do you have information to be read into